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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS**  
**AND INTERFERENCES**

**Ex parte**

**Appeal No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**APPEAL BRIEF**

This brief is in furtherance of Applicant's Notice of Appeal filed August 26, 2008, appealing the decision of the Examiner dated February 26, 2008 finally rejecting claims 25-58. A copy of the claims appears in the Appendix to this brief.

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**Real Party In Interest**

The real party in interest in this appeal is MIDWEST PAYMENT SYSTEMS, an Ohio corporation of having a place of business at 38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263.

**Related Appeals and Interferences**

There are no such appeals or interferences.

**Status of Claims****Total Number of Claims in the Application**

Claims in the application are 25-58.

**Status of all the Claims**

1. Claims cancelled: 1-24
2. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not cancelled: NONE
3. Claims objected to: NONE
4. Claims allowed or confirmed: NONE
5. Claims rejected: 25-58

**Claims on Appeal**

The claims on appeal are Claims 25-58.

**Status of Amendments**

There are no amendments pending.

**Summary of Claimed Subject Matter as to Independent Claim 25**

Independent Claim 25 is described in the specification on page 38, lines 3-18 and Fig. 3, reference numbers 112, 120 and 150, and on page 49, line 11 through page 50, line 2, and Fig. 7 of the drawings.

As recited in claim 25, a bill paying system stores information for payees, and payors, including parameters established for enabling transfers of funds from a payee to a payor by a funds transfer generator. A communication device receives bill data from a plurality of payees and causes an interactive device to present the plurality of transactions representing bills of at least two different payees.